

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Canceled)**

2.     **(New)** An image forming apparatus comprising:
  - a first rotating member which rotates about a shaft;
  - first and second plates for supporting both ends of the shaft of the first rotating member;
  - a second rotating member provided opposite to the first rotating member, said second rotating member rotating about a shaft; and
  - a third plate having a hole, for supporting the shaft of the second rotating member, said third plate forming a predetermined gap between the first and second rotating members by engaging the hole with the shaft of the first rotating member.
3.     **(New)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the shaft of the first rotating member is rotatably supported by a bearing.
4.     **(New)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein one end of the third plate is fixed by a plate different from the plate that supports the first rotating member.
5.     **(New)** An image forming apparatus comprising:
  - an image carrier;
  - an exposure device for forming a latent image on the image carrier;
  - a plurality of developing devices each having a developing roller for developing the latent image at a developing position;
  - a revolver which holds the plurality of developing devices, said revolver sequentially moving each developing roller of the developing devices to the developing position by rotating about a shaft;
  - a support frame which rotatably supports the shaft of the revolver;

a positioning device which positions the image carrier out of contact with the revolver, and defines a predetermined gap between each of the developing rollers and image carrier at the developing position;

an intermediate transfer member which is in contact with the image carrier at a top portion of the image carrier in a vertical direction, said intermediate transfer member carrying an image formed on the image carrier.

6. **(New)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the developing position is on a lower side in the vertical direction than the contact position between the image carrier and the intermediate transfer member.

7. **(New)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the exposure device is arranged at a position lower than the image carrier in the vertical direction.

8. **(New)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a sheet transfer device which transfers a sheet to a transfer point at which an image carried by the intermediate transfer member is transferred onto a sheet, wherein a sheet transfer direction at the transfer point is vertical.

9. **(New)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the intermediate transfer member carries the image with a plurality of colors superposed, and transfers the image of the plurality of colors onto a sheet at the transfer point.

10. **(New)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein one end of the positioning device is attached to the shaft of the revolver; the positioning device rotatably holds the image carrier at a midpoint of the positioning device; and the other end of the positioning device is fixed to the support frame.